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My dear Andrew,

Your last very interesting and welcome letter is ~~just~~ to hand; and, as I want to send you some photos, I reply to it at once.

The lines on prayer you were good enough to quote are very beautiful, and very true - I hope you were not lead, by anything in my last letter, to the conclusion that I thought there was no efficacy <sup>in prayer</sup> - I have not swerved from the belief I entertained in it long ago and about which we have often talked together of old. Your letter recalls those hours (alas! how distant they sometimes seem!) when we

dwell on this subject - How  
well I remember, too, that  
meeting of the Minerva  
Club when, for once, some  
of our personalities stood  
very bare and palpitating,  
and intellectual drupe seemed  
to weaken and fade away  
in the consciousness of those  
abyssal depths of individuality  
where the soul floats weary  
and alone. For this weariness  
and loneliness, so far as I have  
thought and felt, there is but  
one secret source of strength  
and comfort - it is the  
communion, articulate or inarticulate,  
with the "power not ourselves" which  
in supreme moments breaks through  
the shadows, mystically full of  
some divine sympathy; and we  
rise refreshed as from a sleep  
full of sweet dreams, and health.

and quiet breathing".

With this I send 4  
photos of self. They do not  
appear very lively, certainly,  
but I must ask you to  
accept them for what they're  
worth. One is for yourself,  
of the balance will you  
please give one to Burn,  
one to Robbie & one to  
Lucy & ask them to kindly  
accept them through you  
with my fraternal regards.  
Tell Lucy I am right  
glad to hear of his  
recovery. I only lately  
heard of his severe illness.  
I intend to write him  
presently, as also Willie.

Will & I are much pleased  
to hear that the Fourth  
will be greeted in usual  
style. I have noted your  
suggestion as to sending  
something. I should like  
to be represented if possible.  
In regard to this and other  
matters I shall be writing  
you again before the Banquet.  
This is only a short scribble.

Tell Mrs. Clark I can  
make every allowance for  
her delay and will be  
patiently expectant. Love to  
her my kindest regards & a  
little kiss or two to the "children"  
and believe me dear Audie  
always affectionately yours  
O. G. Hutton